

Fwd: Normandy Twining NO

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City Clerk Agenda

To: Lopez, Donna <dlopez@cambridgema.gov>;

Please see below.
Thank you!

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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: May 15, 2015 at 7:55:51 AM EDT
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Dear City Councillors,

There are moral issues at stake here with regard to Normandy Towers and the Citywide Plan. These are part of the original vision for our Commonwealth of which Cambridge was a significant part; these principals should still be part of any vision worthy of the name:

In 1630, John Winthrop preached to the Puritans still on board their ship and challenged them to establish a community that would "set an example of communal charity, affection, and unity to the world". He advised his followers that the "world is watching."

John F. Kennedy repeated that challenge in 1961 in a speech to the General Court of the our Commonwealth:

"We must always consider", he said, "that we shall be as a city upon a hill—the eyes of all people are upon us". Today the eyes of all people are truly upon us—and our governments, in every branch, at every level, national, state and local, must be as a city upon a hill — constructed and inhabited by men aware of their great trust and their great responsibilities. For we are setting out upon a voyage in 1961 no less hazardous than that undertaken by the Arbella in 1630. We are committing ourselves to tasks of statecraft no less fantastic than that of governing the Massachusetts Bay Colony, beset as it was then by terror without and disorder within. History will not judge our endeavors—and a government cannot be selected—merely on the basis of color or creed or even party affiliation. Neither will competence and loyalty and stature, while essential to the utmost, suffice in times such as these. For of those to whom much is given, much is required..."

For the good of all, before any more luxury towers are built we must have a citywide plan. This uncontrolled parcel by parcel development is ruining Cambridge, benefitting a very few and hurting many. I write for my whole family here in Cambridge (02138) that the Citywide Plan must prioritize affordable housing through all means available and not just

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a few units thrown in to a large luxury building like one small bone to a starving dog!

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